

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Walton Marshall “Walt” Bodine of Kansas City has attained considerable distinction as a staff announcer, program script writer, news reporter, news anchor, and news director during the past sixty-four years with print, television, and radio media; and

Whereas, host of the “Walt Bodine Show” on the National Public Radio affiliate KCUR, Walt Bodine will be presented with the prestigious Truman Public Service Award on May 6, 2005, at the Truman Presidential Museum and Library in Independence; and

Whereas, mainly reserved for national celebrities such as politicians and journalists, Walt Bodine qualified for the Truman Public Service Award because of his work with Harry S. Truman during the Truman era and his unparalleled dedication to the field of journalism; and

Whereas, Walt Bodine helped pioneer the live, call-in radio show format in Kansas City during his time as host of “Night Beat” on WHB radio, and he served in a variety of venues as host to such guests as Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, President Harry S. Truman, Thomas Hart Benton, and Chet Huntley; and

Whereas, known by all in Kansas City as the “dean of broadcasting”, Walt Bodine also has served as a professor of communication studies at the University of Missouri-Kansas City; and

Whereas, Walt Bodine has authored several books and received numerous awards and accolades, including a Kansas City Spirit Award in 1987 and the Bishop John J. Sullivan Award for Communications; and

Whereas, Walt Bodine was married to his beloved Bernie for fifty-two years until her death in 2004:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive, and ongoing career of Walt Bodine and to convey to him this legislative body’s most heartfelt congratulations upon his receipt of a well-deserved Truman Public Service Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Walton Marshall “Walt” Bodine of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul LeVota
District No. 52

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. , adopted April 21, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker